

## Community News

Everyone is invited to kick off the **Te Kuiti Christmas Parade** by joining in the 'Jingle Bell Jaunt' (walk or Jog) at 6.15pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>. Jingle & Jangle from the Warehouse the Shearing Statue. Families, friends, sports teams, community groups - Gold coin entry, with all proceeds to Te Kuiti Police Bluelight (Register early to get your FREE Jingle Bell necklace). Buy a specially imported event T-Shirt – Kids \$9, Adults \$12 (limited supply so be quick). Call Jocelyn – 878 7605 Or Dede at Sport Waikato - 878 7867.

**Otorohanga Library** is running 'The Great Book Mystery' over the summer. Open to children aged 6 to 12 years. To register phone 07 873 7175.

**Te Kuiti Amateur Athletics Club** Every Wednesday from 5.30pm, Te Kuiti High School grounds. All ages welcome. Also a FREE running group. Learn how to start running and build up your distance (to 10km, half and full marathon maybe). Inquiries to Dede Downs – Sport Waikato – 878 7867.

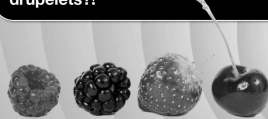
### FOOD FACTS!

One quarter of Kiwi kids get most of their energy (kJ) from drinks. This is known as empty energy as there is no nutritional value. Drink water and low fat milk instead!



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Berries are a great summer fruit, packed full of vitamin C to help the immune system stay strong. Did you know that the individual berries that make up a blackberry are called drupelets?!

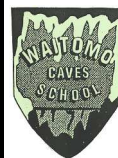


## What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

7 December	School Reports
7-8 December	Titiwai Choir Carols in the Cave
9 December	School Working Bee
11 December	Learning Conferences
12 December	Risers/chairs to be taken out of the cave
13 December	School Prizegiving
17 December	End of Term 4
18 December	Teachers Only Day
4 February 2013	School starts for Term 1, 2013

There will be one last newsletter for 2012 published next Friday to conclude the term.

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# Newsletter

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Term Four 2012

Week Eight – 7 December

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to school Tasha Hona. Tasha joins the juniors in Kowhai Class. Welcome also to Omeka Taane to our parent community.

Congratulations Ratapu and Angel for their fantastic achievements in the recent Waikato Athletics' Day held in Hamilton. Ratapu won his 100m heat and competed well in long jump, discus and shot put. Angel competed in shot put and discus gaining a 4<sup>th</sup> placing in shot put with 7m 75cm.



Congratulations to Tame, Seth and Blaze for being recognised for their superb skills and talents as miniballers at the recent miniball break up. Well done to all miniball team players for a great season and special thanks to Steve, Jo and Myke for coaching this year.



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### **Reports and Learning Conference**

Student reports will be sent home today Friday 7 December. Teaching staff will be available on Tuesday 11 December in Kauri class from 5.45pm to have a follow up session with parents regarding reports. Discussing reports with your child's teacher is useful when looking at your child's progress and achievement.

Mrs Dimond, Ms Easton, Mr Dimond and Miss Crown will be available. Please complete the pink form that accompanies the report to indicate if you wish to come along to the report evening. Depending on how many responses are received will depend on how the evening is structured. Either way, come along and socialise with parents and staff.

### **Prizegiving**

Our annual school prizegiving will be held on Thursday 13 December at 5.30pm. The evening will include the presentation of certificates, awards and some items from the children concluding with a shared supper to celebrate the school year. Families are asked to please provide a plate of finger food for supper. We are looking forward to seeing as many people there as possible as we have lots to celebrate.

### **School Working Bee**

It has been some time since we have had a working bee. The Batger family do a wonderful job with the support of Community Service Workers however the workers are unavailable until next year. We would appreciate some help to tidy up the court area and grounds in preparation for the school's annual prizegiving. Please come along to school from 9.00am onwards tomorrow morning, Sunday 9 December. A couple of hours of your time would be really appreciated.

### **End of Year Celebrations**

On Friday 14 December we will be presenting our published book to Curly and Christen at Kiwipaka. Please all bring \$1 each and we will enjoy a slice of pizza while we are there.

On Monday 17 December we are having a 'Toy Day' where children may bring to school one favourite toy they wish to share and play with on this day. We will do our utmost to help with looking after toys however it will be your child's overall responsibility for the toy they bring to school.

On Tuesday 18 December school will be closed. Only teachers will be attending this day.

### **Titiwai Choir**

Congratulations to all the children who have worked hard at learning their words in the Titiwai Choir. Enjoy your performances over the weekend and Good Luck, it'll be great!

When gathering children after their performance on Friday please let Miss Crown know you have collected your child/children. On Saturday please inform Mrs Dimond. These two parents will be bringing children out of the cave at the conclusion of their singing.

### **Help Needed**

Helpers are asked to please arrive at the cave this evening at 6.30pm to help set up the risers and chairs as a school fundraiser. We do not need to put them away but your help is needed to set them up again on Saturday and Sunday at 6.30pm. We will meet again on Wednesday 12 December at 6.00pm to take them out of the cave. Thank you.

### **School Dates**

School will be open for students on Monday 4 February 2013 with a 9.00am start. There are days prior scheduled for open days where enrolments are taken and staff will be available. Check the Waitomo News for details of open days.

### **Weet-Bix Tryathlons**

The Weet-Bix Tryathlons get underway in Term 1 of each year. Several children have started showing an interest in these events and they are becoming popular. Entry is open to anyone 7 to 15 years of age. The Hamilton event is scheduled for Sunday 17 February and some students would like to enter as a school team. Please let Mrs Dimond know if you wish to be part of the school team and begin to get fit over the summer. For more information read through the enclosed brochure or go online to [www.weetbix.co.nz](http://www.weetbix.co.nz)

### **Year 9 Community Work Experience Day**

Thank you Leah Bell and Tai Jones for considering our school for community work experience. The girls were extremely helpful in doing several jobs around school helping with the day to day activities.

### **School Sports Tops**

All school sports tops need to be returned on Monday so they can be accounted for.